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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

HOSOKAWA ET AL.

Examiner

Brian J. Davis

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 November 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 4,5,10 and 14-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 4,5,10,14-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/945,633.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

112 Rejections Withdrawn

The rejection of claims 3-5, 8, 10, 12 and 13 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, outlined in the previous Office Action, has been overcome by applicant's amendment. With respect to claims 3, 8, 12 and 13, the amendment cancels the claims. With respect to the remaining claims, the rejection is moot.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112, NEW

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In claim 4, the phrase "...*at least two* [emphasis added] of Ar⁵ and Ar⁸ each represent..." is unclear. In formula (2) of claim 14, there is only one instance each of Ar⁵ and Ar⁸. Thus, in order to remove any possible ambiguity, the examiner respectfully suggests a slight rewording of the claim, something along the lines of: "...*both* [emphasis added] Ar⁵ and Ar⁸ each represent...". The analysis for claim 5 is similar.

102 Rejections Withdrawn

The rejection of claims 3-5, 8, 10, 12 and 13, in so far as they read on the species defined in the previous Office Action, under 35 USC 102(b) is withdrawn. Claims 3, 8, 12 and 13 have been canceled. With regard to the remaining claims (and in light of newly added claims 14-16), applicant is correct, the species is not encompassed by the instant claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

The elected species remains free of the prior art. The search therefore expanded as called for under current Office Markush practice, a compound-by-compound search, to include a single additional species. That species is defined when in formula (2): A = a five-membered ring structure including a spiro atom; B = vacant; Ar⁵⁻⁸ = phenyl. A rejection follows:

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 4, 5, 10 and 14-16, in so far as they read on the species defined above, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by DE 19711713 (and CAPLUS abstract). The reference teaches applicant's compound: RN=189363-47-1.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian J. Davis whose telephone number is 571-272-0638. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Johann Richter can be reached on 571-272-0646. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

Brian J. Davis
February 15, 2005